Prohibited Items

When moving long distance, not everything can be packed on the moving truck or sea container.

In most cases International Van Lines cannot transport perishable items, including produce, plants, frozen or refrigerated foods and open or half-used food containers. Exceptions may be made if your move is less than 150 miles and items will be delivered within 24 hours of loading with no in-transit servicing. These exceptions are made at the agent’s discretion and require food to be properly packed.

Additionally, many common household items are not safe for transport under any circumstances. For the safety of your family, the movers and others on the road, we cannot transport hazardous items, including explosives, firearms, flammable gases, and toxic substances.

Please read this list carefully prior to packing so that you can separate these non-allowable items from the rest of your belongings. Most of these items are likely to be found in your garage or with your household cleaning supplies, while others may be scattered throughout your house. If you have questions about a particular item, please reach out to your account representative for clarification.

Keep in mind that these items are hazardous and must be disposed of properly to comply with federal, state and local laws and to protect the environment.

- Aerosol cans
- Alcohol or Wine
- Ammonia
- Ammunition
- Car batteries
- Charcoal/lighter fluid
- Charged scuba tanks
- Chemistry sets
- Cleaning solvents
- Darkroom chemicals
- Fertilizer
- Fire extinguishers
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Fuels/oils
- Household batteries
- Kerosene
- Liquid bleach
- Matches
- Nail polish/remover
- Paint thinners / varnishes
- Pesticides
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Rubbing alcohol
- Weed killer

Items you should move yourself
Address Books
Airline Tickets
Car Titles
Cash
Cell Phones
Check Books
Computer data
Family Photos
Financial Documents
Home Videos
Medical/Dental Records
Medication
Jewelry